

SEPTEMBER 2010
Round Valley Restoration Project
Notice of Intermittent Closure and Trail Detour



Beginning on or about September 8, 2010, areas near the east side of Round Valley may be periodically closed to public entry and occupancy. A detour of the trail to Mount San Jacinto and other remote areas of the Park will be provided.

The purpose of any such closure will be to ensure public safety by restricting entry into “hard hat zones” during a several-week project during which work crews and equipment will be repairing resource damage (unnatural and accelerated erosion) at the lower end of Round Valley. **The public closure will also include the Bobcat, Cougar, Coyote Gulch, Monkey Flower, Columbine, and Shooting Star campsites.** Some of these will be temporarily used to accommodate work crews and equipment.

To minimize public impact, much of this work has been scheduled to occur during the routine annual maintenance shut-down of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, currently scheduled from September 12 through October 1, 2010, when Park visitation is usually very low. This project has been designed to avoid and minimize impacts to the public and the environment, but some noise from construction activities and equipment is unavoidable. Through public notification and by limiting hours and dates of construction activities, California State Parks’ intent is that this project will not significantly impact Park visitors. California State Parks apologizes for any inconvenience or disruption to the Wilderness experience that visitors may experience during this period.

The project’s purpose is to protect and reverse the degradation of the sensitive and unique resources of Round Valley – resources that are at risk of irreversible damage due to an unnatural disruption of meadow hydrology and the prospect of continued and accelerating erosion that will contribute to ever-greater meadow drying. This project is designed to correct and reverse this erosion, and thus ensure preservation of the unique plant community that has evolved dependent on wet meadow conditions and the ecosystem dependent upon it.

If you have questions about this project, or questions about possible closures/detours during the construction period, please ask a State Park Ranger. Additional project information is also available from Superintendent Garratt Aitchison at (951) 659-2607.



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